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SUBJECT: SUGAR: GEPLACEA MEETING IN HAVANA FEBRUARY 28-  
MARCH 4, 1977

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1. COSTA RICA WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE GEPLACEA SUGAR MEETING BY THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, RODOLFO QUIROS GUARDIA, AND BY THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION, ALVARO JENKINS MORALES, ACCORDING TO A FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTACT. JENKINS WILL ATTEND AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUGAR SELLERS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS A DIRECTOR OF THE SUGAR LEAGUE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD AN EMBOFF THAT JORGE SANCHEZ MENDEZ, THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY, AND A TECHNICAL-LEVEL OFFICIAL FROM THE SUGAR LEAGUE WILL ALSO ATTEND THE HAVANA MEETING.

2. AN ARTICLE IN "LA REPUBLICA" OF FEBRUARY 17 DISCUSSED THE FORTHCOMING MEETING. IT STATED THAT THE GEPLACEA COUNTRIES WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP THE MAIN LINES OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. IT ADDED THAT IN THE ISA DISCUSSIONS, THE COUNTRIES FORMING GEPLACEA WOULD PROPOSE TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRIES AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF SUGAR AND THE CREATION OF QUOTAS BASED ON THE QUANTITIES INTRODUCED INTO WORLD COMMERCE BY THE  
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EXPORTING COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS. THE QUOTA ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE TIED TO A PRICE RANGE, AND QUOTAS WOULD ONLY COME INTO EFFECT IF THE WORLD PRICE OF SUGAR FELL TO A POINT APPROACHING THE MINIMUM PRICE. IN THE EVENT THE PRICE OF SUGAR SHOULD FALL BELOW THE MINIMUM PRICE, THE EXPORTING COUNTRIES WOULD DIVERT THEIR SUGAR INTO A BUFFER STOCK FINANCED BY, AND AS YET UN-DETERMINED, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. IF THE

PRICE OF SUGAR WERE TO RISE ABOVE THE MAXIMUM PRICE SPECIFIED  
IN THE AGREEMENT, SUGAR WOULD BE RELEASED FROM STOCKS.  
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